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SUBJECT: NEPALESE CONTINGENT TO UNIFIL

REF: A) KATHMANDU 1547 (NOTAL)
B) STATE 075846 (NOTAL)
C) JERUSALEM 948

1. YOU SHOULD APPROACH THE NEPALESE FOREIGN MINISTER
AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY AND AGAIN REQUEST
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INFORMATION ON NEPALESE BATTALION'S EQUIPMENT
REQUIREMENTS. YOU SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS
IN YOUR PRESENTATION:

-- SPEEDY FORMATION AND DEPLOYMENT OF UNIFIL
IMPERATIVE;

-- THE UN AND THE USG ARE VERY PLEASED WITH NEPALESE COMMITMENT TO UNIFIL AND HOPE THAT THE ADVANCE PARTY OF THIRTY TO FORTY MEN WILL BE READY TO BE AIR-LIFTED ON APRIL 4 AS WE UNDERSTAND UN IS PLANNING. (WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS PARTY CAN DEPART BEFORE EQUIPMENT LIST IS FACTORED INTO AIRLIFT);

- -- IN VIEW OF THE URGENT SITUATION IN SOUTH LEBANON, WE HOPE THAT NEPALESE BATTALION MIGHT BE READY EVEN EARLIER THAN APRIL 11 DATE NOW FORESEEN BY UN;

-- YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT UN CANNOT PROCEED TO ASK FOR US AIRLIFT TO LEBANON BEFORE EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENT LIST IS PASSED TO UN, AND YOU SHOULD EXPRESS HOPE THAT LIST WILL BE AVAILABLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. FYI ONLY: IN SEPTEL TO BEIRUT, YOU WILL SEE WE ARE GIVING SERIOUS THOUGHT TO AN IDEA WHICH WOULD INVOLVE LANDING NEPALESE UNIFIL CONTINGENT AT RAYAK AIRFIELD IN THE BEKAA VALLEY OF LEBANON. IN THIS SCENARIO, NEPALESE BATTALION WOULD LINK UP WITH LEBANESE UNIT AND PROCEED SOUTH DOWN VALLEY TO UNIFIL AREA EAST OF LITANI. DO NOT RPT NOT MENTION IDEA TO NEPALESE OR UN UNTIL INSTRUCTED AND WE HAVE DEVELOPED CONCEPT FURTHER. RAYAK OHTION NOT INTERAGENCY APPROVED.
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END FYI.

3. IF YOU THINK IT APPROPRIATE, YOU MAY OFFER TO PASS ANY MESSAGES FOREIGN MINISTER MIGHT HAVE FOR UN SECRETARIAT. COMMENT: WE REALIZE THAT THIS MAY SOUND PATRONIZING, BUT WE UNDERSTAND THERE IS A PROBLEM OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER AND NEPALESE UN PERM REP.

4. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES HERE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE A REPLY SOONEST.

5. FOR USUN: YOU SHOULD ASK APPROPRIATE UN SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL TO PASS TO YOU STATUS OF EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENT LIST AS SOON AS IT IS RECEIVED FROM NEPALESE.

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